

15 December 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Establishment of the Office of
Statistical Research

25X9 1. Reference is made to memorandum from the Deputy Director (Intelligence) dated 2 December 1955, requesting approval to establish a new Office of Statistical Research within the DD/I Area, with a pilot-scale T/O of [REDACTED] positions during Fiscal Year 1956.

25X9 2. It is estimated that the cost of this office will be [REDACTED] during the balance of FY 1956, and it is indicated that the 1956 cost of this operation can be absorbed within the current DD/I allocation. It is proposed that the present Photo Interpretation Division of the Office of Research and Reports, with its [REDACTED] ceiling positions and funds, be transferred to the new Office of Statistical Research. The on duty strength of this division as of 30 November 1955 [REDACTED]

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3. Funds in the amount of \$242,281 for Fiscal Year 1956, and \$312,128 for FY 1957 are included with the ORR budget for the Photo Interpretation Division specifically, with an amount of \$500,000 for anticipated External Research projects in other segments of the DD/I Area budget in both Fiscal Years 1956 and 1957, so that total funds available during Fiscal Year 1956 would be \$[REDACTED], and for FY 1957 would be [REDACTED].

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4. It is understood that no funds for the rental or alterations of the proposed site of this office are included within the Office of Logistics 1956 budget and it will, therefore, be necessary to transfer part of the \$[REDACTED] to IO for these purposes. Also, the Security Office has no funds in its budget to provide guard and other custodial services.

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5. There may be savings in the "Other Expense" items, namely, the photo interpretation and minicard equipment, due to the fact that this equipment may be secured on a rental rather than a purchase basis.

6. It is understood that it is desired to have the maximum security possible for this activity. This Office wishes to raise the point that security would be minimized if a separate office is established. This results from the fact that a separate budget item would have to be set up together with all of the explanatory and justification statements that are required of any other office during the budgetary process. Such a procedure would undoubtedly call the attention to the activity to a greater extent than would normally be the case. If the activity remained as a part of another organizational budget, it would not be subjected to the same degree of review as a separate organization and, therefore, greater security would be assured.

/s/
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Acting Comptroller

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